SPAWAR resulted in a joint project, which captured the operational requirements for USSOUTHCOM's Caribbean Regional Operations Center (CARIBROC) Target C4I Architecture and identified the commercial off the shelf (COTS) and government off the shelf (GOTS) systems required to successfully meet and exceed mission requirements.

By supporting U.S. Forces Korea through the ULCHI FOCUS LENS '99 exercise, the CECOM CIPO produced an extensive technical study to upgrade the CINCs' Command Center TANGO (fixed site command center) and provided a draft Mobile Command Center design. Additionally, the office provided key updates to the Warfighter Information Network-Tactical Operational Requirements Document (WIN-T ORD) to provide a "joint interoperable" overview; and produced a listing of systems from the warfighting CINCs, which identify 20 percent of the systems creating 80 percent of the joint interoperability problems as witnessed by the CINCs.

These are just some of the initiatives that have been established within the CECOM CIPO to ensure interoperability among our joint/allied forces, as well as addressing some of our coalition partners' concerns.

Each CIPO works directly with specific regional CINCs to meet their C4I requirements. CECOM works with the U.S. Southern Command, U.S. European Command, U.S. Forces Korea, and U.S. Special Operations Command. The ESC works with U.S. Space Command, U.S. Transportation Command, U.S. Central Command, and U.S. Strategic Command; and the SPAWAR with the U.S. Atlantic and Pacific Commands.

"We at the CECOM CIPO, in conjunction with our sister Service CIPOs, are keenly aware of the need for jointness and interoperability across the Departments in order to achieve the goals and objectives delineated in Joint Vision 2010," Cooper said. "We are committed to making a contribution and fostering interoperable solutions."

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